These days you are in luck if you find a station that has a live person in the studio to give information about the traffic or weather past morning drive time. I pay for the service I receive on the XM Radio stations and choose to do so, the private owned radio stations collect money for advertising from merchants in the surrounding areas, but choose to cut back on the hours that they provide live programing. In the area that I live SOMAR Communications has controll of five stations. Not much choice there. We travel and it is great to be able to listen to what I choose not whatever I happen to be able to "tune in". Leave my XM Radio alone I pay for it!!